

**Amended Claim**

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1.(amended) A folding tie, comprising:

- a) a foldable support element having a plurality of opposing major sides;
  - b) at least two male fastening members on said opposing major sides of said support element, respectively; and
  - c) at least two female fastening members on said opposing major sides of said support element, respectively; whereby, when said support element is folded, at least one of said male fastening members will be detachably joined to at least one of said female fastening members, to form a releasable couple.
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